

CONNECTING ARTISTS & COMMUNITY



Colfax Arts Council
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What is the Colfax Arts Council?



- A non-profit organization that encourages the Arts in and around Colfax
- Members of the Council are regular citizens who care about the Arts
- The group sponsors Art programs, classes, events, exhibits and projects for people of all ages
- Annual events include:
 - **H'Art of the Palouse** Banner Competition
 - **Inspired Palouse** Art Competition & Exhibit
 - **Crack Art** – painted designs that incorporate cracks in sidewalks and walls



Here's an example of Crack Art

Connecting Artists & Community

- The Council recently received funding to start an exciting new project called **Connecting Artists & Community**
- Two main parts include:
 - Outdoor Murals
 - Community-painted fence art



Where did funding come from for this project?



- Colfax City Council recently awarded \$15,000 from the Lodging Tax revenue
- And an anonymous donor provided \$10,000
- Any future donations are appreciated for this ongoing project, and are tax-deductible.

What is a Mural?

- A mural is a large work of art painted on the exterior wall of a building or other outdoor structure.
- The council is working with downtown business owners to identify walls appropriate for murals.
- Several regional artists have already agreed to design and paint a custom mural for Colfax, including: Cori Dantini, Henry Stinson, Yelena Yunin and Melissa Cole.
- The mural on this slide was painted by Melissa Cole, an artist from Spokane.



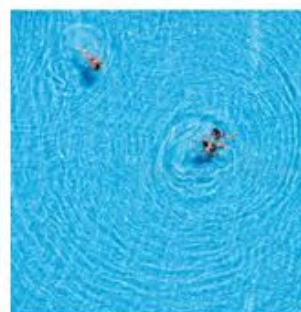
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What is Community Fence Art?



- This slide shows an example of fish shapes that have been painted and hung on a chain-link fence.
- The fish were painted by students and hung on a fence at their school.

More Fence Art



○ Here's another, similar fence.



Check this one out!



- This fence was painted by pre-school students, ages 3 to 5, in Wenatchee, WA. How cool is that? The building behind the fence is their pre-school.

Another example



- And another example.
- You get the idea.

Have you noticed the fences in Colfax?



- Have you noticed? We have a LOT of chain-link fence in Colfax.
- Fencing surrounds the concrete river channel.
- How about the fences around the playgrounds, the football field, and the baseball field?
- Take a look – and see how many chain-linked fences you can spot in Colfax.

What if...

Little
by little,
a little
becomes
A LOT

- What if each student in Colfax painted three fish?
- How many schools of fish could we create?
- How many fences could we decorate?

What if everyone contributed Art to help make Colfax more beautiful?



- Everyone is creative. The Colfax Arts Council needs your creativity.
- If each student in Colfax paints three fish, we can start to beautify our fences with Community-created art.
- Others in the community will help, too, including residents at Dreamworks, Paul's Place, Hillray and The Courtyard.

Here's how.



- Volunteers created fifty unique fish shapes.
- Next, volunteers traced fish shapes onto the Sinta sheets.
- Over 2500 fish shapes were traced.
- Whoa!

Then...

- Next, volunteers cut the fish shapes.

What can you do?

- Now it's your turn.
- Teachers at Jennings and Colfax Jr/Sr High have been provided with materials for students to paint at least three custom fish shapes.
- If you want to paint more, talk to your teacher, and we will see.

(photo of paint materials)

What are some tips for painting?

- Both sides of the fish should be painted, because the fence will be seen from two sides.
- The colors and the design of your fish are up to you – but keep your design appropriate.
- No art will be displayed if it is not appropriate. You know the rules.
- If you plan to put a lot of detail on your fish, you may want to put down several large areas of color first, and then go back once this layer is dry to add more detail on top of the first layer.

Can I add my name?

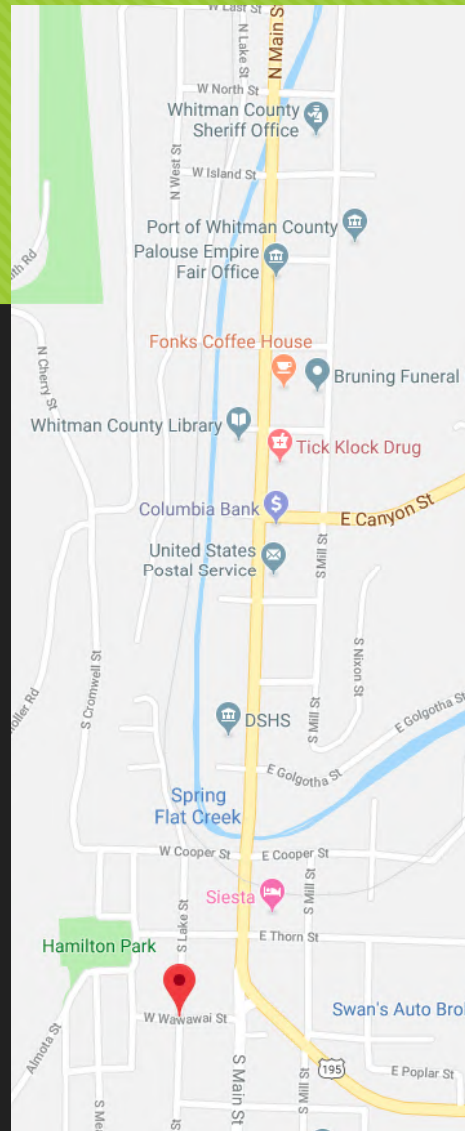
- You can add your initials and the short-hand version of the year to your fish.
- For example, if the year is 2019 and your name is Benjamin Rabbit, you would write:
BR 19
- A paint pen will be provided for this purpose.
- Keep this part of your design small, please.
- Marking your fish with your initials may help you find it later, once it is hung on a fence in Colfax.
(add photo of painted fish, with initials)

Tips to keep in mind, please.



- Please take care of paint brushes.
- They're expensive. We want other students to be able to use them after you.
- Teachers – please organize how and where students are to clean and store brushes when done.
- Do not let paint dry on the brushes.
- Do not leave brushes standing for long periods of time in water.

Where will my fish be displayed?



- The first area of fence to be decorated is in the Lake Street Greenway.
- This is an area that will be developed as a walking path, along Lake Street, in Colfax.
- There is an area of chain link fence that runs along the edge of the concrete river, parallel to Lake Street.
- The first fish will be hung on a section of fence west of the Dusty Attic and US Bank parking lot. This is where the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place this Fall.

When will the Lake Street Greenway Fence be decorated?

- It will take quite a while (several years) for Colfax residents to paint enough fish to fill the whole fence.
- Your fish will be among the first to be placed on the fence.
- We will start decorating the fence this spring, and continue through the summer and on into next year – and will add more as funding allows.

When will the Murals be completed?



- Mural painting will start this Summer, and be completed by this Fall.
- A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is also planned for Fall 2019.
- Community members will have a chance to walk along Lake Street and see the fish you painted.
- Thank you for contributing to this ongoing, community art project!

Do you have questions?

- If you have questions, or great ideas to add to this project, please contact:

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- Thank you again!

